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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN,

N. P. CUMMINGS, C. E. ROWELL, T. H. HOYT.

CLERK,

BAILEY SARGENT.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

M. PERRY SARGENT.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

WM. H. BLODGETT,	District No. 1
L. B. BLAISDELL,	" 2
CHRISTOPHER SARGENT,	" 3
WILLARD B. KELLEY,	" 4

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,

FRANK C. DELANO,	Term expires 1889
JOHN S. CLEMENT,	" 1890
ALEX. SMART,	" 1891
BAILEY SARGENT,	Town Clerk

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

CHARLES E. ROWELL,	Term expires 1889
JOHN W. HOBART,	" 1890
THOMAS H. HOYT,	" 1891

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

N. P. CUMMINGS,	*Ex-officio*
S. A. McCONNELL,	Term expires 1889
M. PERRY SARGENT,	" 1889
DANIEL J. POORE,	" 1890
GEORGE ADAMS,	" 1890
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,	" 1891
J. A. LANCASTER,	" 1891

COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

H. O. DELANO,	Term expires	1889
J. B. JUDKINS,	"	1890
JAMES D. PIKE,	"	1891

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY.

J. A. LANCASTER,	Term expires	1889
I. B. LITTLE,	"	1890
C. E. ROWELL,	"	1891

FIRE ENGINEERS.

ED. H. SARGENT, H. W. STEVENS,
ALBERT PARKER.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

WALTER H. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLEY.

POLICE.

F. H. BECKFORD, J. FRED IVES, W. H. BLODGETT,
JOHN ROBINSON, DANIEL PENDERGAST,
NAT. L. HOWE, ALEX. HANNA, R. S. BAILEY,
C. W. CUMMINGS, LAWSON W. HOWE,
S. P. JACKMAN, W. B. CHAPMAN, H. P. DAVIS,
J. C. LIBBY, A. A. TRULL.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

I. W. HUGHES, L. B. BLAISDELL,
JOHN E. CURRIER.

FENCE VIEWERS.

J. D. PIKE, G. S. HOYT, D. B. WRIGHT.

FIELD DRIVERS.

P. J. NEAL, H. B. STEPHENS, E. J. McMASTERS.

AUDITOR.

O. E. LITTLE.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

We herewith submit the thirteenth annual report of the several departments for the past year.

N. P. CUMMINGS,
C. E. ROWELL,
T. H. HOYT,
} Selectmen of Merrimac.

Merrimac, Feb. 21, 1889.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

TEACHING.

George F. Joyce, jr.,	principal	High	school,	$ 105 27
E. H. Brackett,	"	"		905 23
Helen K. Spofford,	assistant	"		142 50
May Frost,	"	"		332 50
Ellen Gunnison,	Grammar	school,	Center,	372 50
Abby Sutherland,	"	"	"	75 00
Carrie M. Evans,	Intermediate	"	"	360 00
Clara E. Philbrick,	1st Primary	"	"	105 00
S. Evannah Stiles,	"	"	"	126 88
Ellen A. Call,	"	"	"	83 12
Etta H. Colby,	2d Primary	"	"	315 00
S. Evannah Stiles,	1st Primary	Prospect	street,	105 00
Mary F. Nichols,	"	"	"	105 00
Mary P. Lara,	"	"	"	105 00
Nettie A. Ricker,	2d Primary,	"	"	99 75
Jennie P. Clement,	"	"	"	210 00
Chauncey Gleason,	Grammar	school,	'Port,	300 00
Bessie A. Veal,	"	"	"	150 00
Laura G. Rowell,	Intermediate	"	"	313 25
Minnie L. Nowell,	Primary	"	"	315 00
Josephine V. Mason,	"	"	"	8 75

Louise C. Brackett,	Landing school,	$ 150 00	
Bessie A. Veal,	Bear Hill "	240 00	
Mary P. Tillinghast,	" "	110 00	
Mary F. Nichols,	Birch Meadow "	75 00	
Annie M. Gray.	" "	100 00	
Nellie Chase,	Highlands "	75 00	
Lulu O. Short,	" "	75 00	
Olive Hill,	Vocal music,	249 00	
			$ 5,708 75

CENTER SCHOOL.

Albert Chase,	care of rooms,	$ 58 00	
Frank S. Carroll,	"	55 25	
E. C. Sherman,	"	33 33	
J. E. Currier,	wood,	7 00	
H. I. Cummings,	labor on rooms,	6 00	
F. H. True,	repairs on clock,	75	
Wm. Jones,	"	2 45	
W. B. Chapman,	"	16 60	
Heath Brothers,	"	65	
Albert Chase,	sawing wood,	75	
Mrs. Edmund Sheridan,	cleaning rooms,	32 00	
			212 78

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL.

Thos. Tewhill,	care of rooms,	$ 44 00	
Arthur C. Carroll,	"	15 00	
J. E. Currier,	wood,	5 00	
H. I. Cummings,	labor on rooms,	6 00	
Wm. Jones,	repairs,	6 65	
W. B. Chapman,	"	1 18	
Heath Brothers,	"	2 79	
Arthur C. Carroll,	sawing wood,	1 50	
"	cleaning vault,	75	
			82 87

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS.

B. P. P. Patten,	care of rooms,	$ 24 00	
E. Dean Williams,	"	22 00	
Arthur E. Coleman,	"	15 50	
C. E. Rowell,	supplies,	24 94	
W. B. Chapman,	repairs,	29 40	
W. W. Lydston,	pump,	3 00	
E. O. Sargent,	wood,	5 00	
L. B. Blaisdell,	"	4 25	
J. W. Colby,	"	3 00	
P. J. Neal,	sawing wood,	2 00	
J. L. Haskell,	"	1 50	
		——	134 59

LANDING SCHOOL.

Louise C. Brackett,	care of rooms,	$ 11 00	
E. O. Sawyer,	wood,	2 50	
B. W. Webster,	sawing wood,	2 00	
		——	15 50

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

Christopher Sargent,	care of room,	$ 27 00	
" "	repairs,	3 00	
L. S. Martin,	cleaning room,	3 00	
		——	33 00

BIRCH MEADOW.

Mary F. Nichols,	care of room,	$ 5 00	
Annie M. Gray,	"	8 00	
J. E. Currier,	wood,	5 50	
Calvin Sargent,	sawing wood,	1 75	
		——	20 25

HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

Nellie Chase,	care of rooms,	$ 6 00	
C. E. Hoyt,	wood,	2 25	
J. W. Colby,	"	4 00	
C. E. Hoyt,	sawing wood,	1 00	
Almon Chaplin,	"	1 00	
		——	14 25

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

George S. Perry,	Books,	$ 69 40	
Silver Burdett & Co.,	"	64 00	
Harper & Brothers,	"	59 40	
Wm. Ware & Co.,	"	47 15	
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	"	38 00	
F. M. Ambrose & Co.,	"	37 84	
Harrison Hume,	"	28 70	
Warren P. Adams,	"	14 50	
G. B. Merrill,	"	12 50	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	"	10 00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	"	7 12	
Leach, Sewall & Sanborn,	"	6 73	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	"	6 00	
		——	401 34
W. W. Lydston,	Supplies,	$ 49 59	
George S. Perry,	"	17 65	
Thos. H. Hoyt,	" and expenses,	10 93	
J. H. Cleary,	"	8 22	
S. A. McConnell,	"	7 25	
C. H. Allen,	"	3 15	
A. A. Silloway,	"	2 00	
W. A. Parker,	"	1 95	
W. W. Gunnison,	"	1 50	
Little & Co.,	"	1 42	
F. M. Ambrose & Co.,	"	15 00	

E. C. Owen,	Supplies,	$ 4 25	
Little & Larkin,	"	12	
		——	123 03
G. F. Joyce, jr.,	care of books,	$ 6 67	
W. H. Blodgett,	board and conveyance of teacher,	1 50	
Cleveland Printing and Publishing Co.,	diplomas,	15 50	
F. W. Peabody,	rent of piano,	11 00	
Harry I. Cummings,	labor on school rooms,	50 07	
Sargent & Currier,	supplies,	5 56	
Crosby Bros.,	cleaning vaults,	5 00	
James Whittier,	repairs,	27 70	
Heath Brothers,	labor,	15 88	
Chas. A. King,	printing,	16 50	
F. L. Atkinson,	coal,	110 25	
S. S. Blodgett,	"	165 03	
W. C. Russell,	expressage,	13 60	
		——	444 26
	Total,		$ 7,190 62

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE MIDDLE STREET.

George G. Larkin, school house lot,	$ 750 00	
Building Committee,	2,100 00	
	——	$2,850 00

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Worcester Insane Asylum,			
	Support of Alfred C. Hoyt,		$169 92
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,			
	Support of A. R. Lawson,		169 92
	" M. Riley,		173 12
A. P. Chaples,	" Ann M. Waining,		104 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,			
	Support of William I. Curtis,		13 00
Luella J. Lewis,	" Alice R. Gray,		104 00
Calvin Sargent,	" Lillian O. Gray,		93 95
H. Maria Gray,	" 2 Gray children,		150 86
Mary Clooney,	Support of Agnes Clooney,	$52 00	
F. L. Atkinson,	Coal for "	4 10	
			$56 10
C. E. Rowell,	Supplies to M. Burke,	59 82	
F. L. Atkinson,	Coal for "	25 59	
Albert Heath,	Wood for "	4 50	
John E. Currier,	" "	2 50	
			92 41
J. H. Cleary,	Supplies to J. Lyons,	5 00	
F. L. Atkinson,	Coal to "	4 30	
L. B. Blaisdell,	Wood to "	63	
			9 93
Otis S. Currier,			
	Support of Mrs. Allison and daughter,	128 00	
R. A. Sargent,	Supplies to "	1 50	
			129 50

Eugene Wentworth,				
	Support of Mary Coleman,	9 30		
H. J. Cushing, M. D.,	Medical Attendance,	7 00		
			16 30	
Mrs. Mary Pressey,				
	Rent of house to Smith Quimby,		48 00	
Mrs. Mary Rowell,	Aid of self,	90 00		
J. W. Hobart, M. D.,	Medical Attendance to Mary Rowell,	3 00		
			93 00	
Edmund Sheridan,	Aid of self,		56 00	
C. E. Rowell,	Supplies to Mary Kelso,	9 22		
W. W. Lydston,	" "	1 50		
			10 72	
John B. Heath,				
	Expenses Attending Burial D. Carter (colored),		9 00	
H. J. Cushing,	Medical Attendance Nellie Parker,		15 00	
"	" Mrs. Quimby,		16 00	
"	" Maggie Burke,		15 00	
A. E. Kennison,	Supplies to child "		6 18	
				$ 1551 91

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

District No. 1.—W. H. Blodgett, Surveyor.

Repairs.	W. H. Blodgett, surveyor,	$ 700 00	
	" by direction Selectmen,	499 25	
	L. E. Bancroft,	43 70	
		——	$1242 95
Removing Snow.	W. H. Blodgett,	130 00	
	L. E. Bancroft,	30 00	
		——	160 00

District No. 2—L. B. Blaisdell, Surveyor.

Repairs.	L. B. Blaisdell, surveyor,	488 54	
	" land slide,	6 70	
		——	495 24
Removing Snow.	I. W. Hughes,	36 50	
	L. B. Blaisdell,	92 90	
		——	129 10

District No. 3—Christopher Sargent, Surveyor.

Repairs.	Christopher Sargent, surveyor,	327 05	
	Robert Bayley, gravel,	2 90	
		——	329 95
Removing Snow.	Christopher Sargent,	78 40	
	Geo. W. Sargent,	15 65	
		——	94 05

District No. 4—Willard B. Kelley, Surveyor.

Repairs.	W. B. Kelley, surveyor,	151 25	
Removing Snow.	W. B. Kelley,	46 20	
		——	197 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Town of Amesbury, 2-5 cost of care Rocks Bridge,	$ 134 16
Ames Plow Co., picks and shovels,	14 93
Haverhill Iron Works, sewer grates,	30 62
Newell Boyd, railing for River road,	24 00
L. B. Blaisdell, labor on same,	141 20
Soule, Dillingham & Co., paving,	8 00
W. C. Howe, cedar posts and rails,	30 50
A. M. Trull, repairs on snow plough,	7 18
Sargent & Currier, lumber, tile, etc.,	149 28
James T. Ives, labor on fence,	5 00
Joseph Addison, "	4 40
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	7 59
W. B. Chapman, labor and material,	112 87
Bay State Felt Boot & Shoe Co., cinders,	4 80
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on sewer grates,	77
D. E. Wadleigh, sharpening picks, etc.,	8 27

NEW ROAD—MERRIMAC AVENUE.

H. S. Tuttle, contractor,	$ 3922 18	
David W. Lewis, tile,	326 35	
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on tile,	31 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, laying tile,	144 55	
Nathan Spofford, civil engineer,	100 00	
		4524 08
		$7856 39

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Niagara Engine Co.,	service of members,	$ 335 00
Gen. McClellan Engine Co.,	"	334 78
Steam Fire Engine Co.,	"	191 65
Hook & Ladder Co.,	"	147 49
W. H. Blodgett,	engineer of steamer,	50 00
N. F. Stevens, assistant	" "	25 00
J. A. Heath,	stoker "	25 00
F. W. Winslow, steward,		101 00
Wm. Brick, "		4 00
L. Y. Stevens, "		42 00
W. H. Blodgett, hauling engine to fire at		
	Newton, N. H.,	10 00
" "	Haverhill,	10 00
" "	Currier's,	5 00
" "	to fires and filling reservoirs,	12 75
J. E. Prescott, conveyance of firemen to		
	Newton, N. H.,	5 50
" "	Haverhill,	6 75
Albert Parker, labor on reservoir,		4 25
Frank Goddard, services of self and two horses at		
	fire, April 7, 1888,	3 00
"	services of two horses at fire	
	Sept. 13, 1888,	1 00
U. H. Trull, repairs on hose carriage,		1 15
D. E. Wadleigh, repairs,		3 45
S. A. McConnell, supplies,		3 50
L. J. O'Connor, "		4 50

West Amesbury Lyceum, stove,	$ 2 50	
J. B. Pierce & Co., repairs,	18 69	
Merrimac Wheel & Gear Co., supplies,	4 10	
Haverhill Iron Works, "	4 65	
Wm. Jones, setting glass,	2 30	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	16 66	
Sargent & Currier, lumber for reservoir,	9 70	
Boston Belting Co., valves for steamer,	12 05	
Heath Bros., labor on reservoir,	50	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	3 84	
James Doyle, sawing wood,	2 00	
F. L. Atkinson & Co., coal,	46 98	
L. B. Blaisdell, wood,	6 76	
J. M. Wood, "	11 50	
Fox, McDormand & Co., extension ladder,	112 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on "	1 20	
American Fire Hose Mfg. Co., hose,	498 44	
B. & M. R. R., freight on hose,	1 56	
Boston Woven Hose Co., ¼ doz. respirators,	9 00	
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs steamer,	20 20	
		$ 2111 40

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

NOTES.		
Loan June 2, 1883,	$1000 00	
Feb. 18, 1888,	2500 00	
Apr. 18, 1888,	4500 00	
		$ 8000 00
INTEREST.		
On Loan June 2, 1883,	140 00	
Sept. 3, 1884,	90 00	
Jan. 3, 1885,	245 44	
June 9, 1885,	252 00	
Dec. 26, 1885,	280 00	
Feb. 18, 1888,	25 42	
Apr. 18, 1888,	73 03	
		1105 89
Total,		$9105 89

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

C. F. Rhodes, Expenses McNanie Case,	$ 12 95	
J. B. and B. B. Jones, Professional Services McNanie Case, (1887)	18 00	
		$ 30 95

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. J. Poore, Treas.,	$ 500 00	
		$ 500 00

SINKING FUND.

H. O. Delano, Treas.,	$ 1,796 00	
		$ 1,796 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. P. Cummings,	Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	$ 215 00
C. E. Rowell,	" " "	125 00
Thos. H. Hoyt,	" " "	125 00
Bailey Sargent,	Town Clerk,	31 30
M. Perry Sargent,	Treasurer and Constable, warning town meetings, etc.	65 00
"	Collector,	320 61
F. C. Delano,	Registrar of Voters 1888,	30 00
John S. Clement,	" " 1887, 1888,	40 00
Alex Smart,	" " 1888,	20 00
Bailey Sargent,	" " 1888,	30 00
Chas. E. Rowell,	School Committee,	55 00
T. H. Hoyt,	" "	50 00
J. W. Hobart,	" "	50 00
George Adams,	Moderator Annual Meeting March 5, '88,	5 00
O. E. Little,	Auditor 1885, 1886, 1887,	30 00
James F. Ives,	Police,	150 00
Alex Hanna,	"	30 00
R. S. Bailey,	"	5 00
W. H. Blodgett,	"	35 00
S. P. Jackman,	"	3 00
Ed H. Sargent,	Chief Engineer,	25 00
H. G. Stevens,	Ass't "	25 00
Albert Parker,	" "	25 00
R. S. Bailey,	Fish Warden,	1 00
		$ 1490 91

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

SARGENT HALL.

R. A. Sargent, janitor,	$ 16 08	
S. P. Jackman, "	61 00	
D. E. Wadleigh, repairs,	1 00	
Wm. Jones, "	1 35	
E. C. Owen, "	4 30	
W. H. Thomas, "	20 42	
J. C. Libby & Co., "	4 61	
S. P. Jackman, "	9 61	
A. A. Silloway, supplies,	1 25	
J. H. Cleary, "	9 21	
S. P. Jackman, "	1 15	
" labor,	7 00	
Wm. Winslow, charcoal,	5 72	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	24 60	
F. L. Atkinson & Co., coal,	25 01	
D. E. Wadleigh, labor and material snow guards,	15 84	
Haverhill Iron Works, iron pipe,	4 64	
C. H. Allen, supplies,	50	
	———	$ 213 29
G. A. R. Post No. 114, appropriation for Memorial day,	75 00	
N. L. Hickok, copies of resolutions on death of William P. Sargent,	15 00	
S. A. McConnell, frames for same,	10 50	
H. S. McKay, plans for extension Sargent hall,	50 00	
Frank Anderson, for injuries to self,	375 00	
J. W. Hobart, census school children,	5 00	

Mrs. S. J. True, crape used on portrait of W. P. Sargent,	$ 10 85
Chas. A. King, printing reports, check lists, etc.,	159 25
Greenough, Hopkins & Cushing, order book,	13 00
J. W. Lewis & Co., History Essex County,	18 00
Thomas Groom & Co., Assessor's and Collector's books,	6 50
Bailey Sargent, insurance Prospect st. school house,	60 75
Kelly Bros., labor on sidewalks,	71 68
Sargent & Currier, plank at new road,	4 05
J. E. Prescott, dinner to H. S. McKay architect,	50
I. W. Hughes, care of watering trough and lamp,	10 00
Merrimac Wheel and Gear Co., repairs on road machine,	75
American Express Co., expressage,	15
M. C. Donoho, labor and trimming trees	13 35
John Curley, " Palmer's, Main st.,	2 90
C. E. Williams, steps at D. Morrisons,	5 00
Heath Bros., labor and material, town pump, etc.,	7 45
S. S. Blodgett, 2 casks cement,	3 50
J. H. Cleary, supplies police station,	6 89
W. H. Gerrish, return of births,	3 00
H. J. Cushing, " "	4 00
J. W. Hobart, " "	5 25
John Damrell, " "	1 00
Lucy B. Bailey, " "	50
Bailey Sargent, " " and deaths,	40 55
John B. Heath, return of deaths,	10 50
Henry P. Davis, loss of swine,	25 00
Alex Hanna, burying dogs and pig,	2 50

STREET LIGHTS.

Peter Gray, lamps, posts, etc.	152 90
B. & M. R. R., freight on lamps,	3 42
E. C. Owen, repairs "	65

Doucet & Winn,	steps for lamps	$ 1 50	
Alex. Hanna,	" "	1 00	
R. R. Sorenson,	supplies,	20 43	
John H. Cleary,	"	43 92	
Preble & Livermore,	"	4 38	
C. E. Rowell,	"	15 18	
John Damrell,	"	10 66	
Mrs. Abby Thompson,	care,	8 00	
C. B. Murphy,	"	21 00	
C. F. Leman,	"	17 80	
Willie Blodgett,	"	10 33	
G. Willis Cummings,	"	7 50	
F. McLeod,	"	4 47	
Harry Robinson,	"	27 00	
Edw. N. Cummings,	"	7 50	
Ernest S. Beman,	"	24 95	
Wm. Pinkham,	"	4 75	
H. S. Cunningham,	"	11 25	
Phillip Means,	"	4 81	
H. P. EnEarl,	"	2 63	
T H. Patten,	"	9 00	
B. W. Webster,	"	6 75	
Lewis Tuckwell,	"	9 00	
			430 78

TRAINING FIELD.

J. M. Wood,	labor,	21 00
M. Donahue,	"	21 30
John Parker,	"	6 80
John Scanlon,	"	13 00
Geo. Bailey,	"	4 60
Michael Lee,	"	1 20
John O'Brien,	"	8 00
John Curley,	"	5 40
Dennis Barrett,	"	15 20

John Doherty,	labor	$ 17 10	
Henry Tozier,	"	2 00	
Hanscom Bros.,	lawn seed,	3 75	
Frank Lafavor,	gravel,	2 50	
			$ 121 85

CEMETERIES.

John B. Heath,	labor,	14 96	
W. B. Chapman,	"	8 85	
Sargent & Currier,	supplies,	23 88	
John Parker,	labor,	1 40	
John Scanlon,	"	2 00	
John O. Brien,	"	2 00	
M. Donahue,	"	3 00	
Dennis Barrett,	"	2 00	
J. M. Wood,	"	10 00	
J. Doherty,	"	2 00	
E. N. Cummings,	cutting grass at Lower Corner,	5 00	
			75 09
			$ 1858 38

STATE AID.

Wm. F. Martins,	$ 60 00	
Rebecca Kennett,	48 00	
Hannah P. Tozier,	48 00	
John Clement,	48 00	
John Jenkins,	60 00	
Charles E. Preble,	72 00	
Harriet C. Flanders,	48 00	
George F. Bailey,	36 00	
Margaret Hanley,	48 00	
Lucinda Richardson,	12 00	
		$ 480 00

RECAPITULATION.

			Receipts and Appropriations	Expenditures.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
School Department,	Appropriation,	$,6500 00				
	Books sold,	19 92				
	Tuitions,	77 00				
	Dog fund,	170 00				
	Income Mass. school fund,	164 92				
	Revenue " "	249 09				
			$ 7180 93	$ 7190 62	$ 9 69	
New School House Middle St., and land,			3800 00	2850 00		$ 950 00
Poor Department,			1600 00	1551 91		48 09
Highway Department,			3000 00	3332 31	332 31	
New road to Merrimacport,				4524 08	4524 08	
Fire Department, ($500 for hose inc. in expenditures,)			2350 00	2111 40		238 60
State Aid,	From State Treasurer,		396 00	480 00	84 00	
Public Library,			500 00	500 00		
Sinking Fund,				1796 00	1796 00	
Note and Interest Account,	Appropriation,	4700 00				
	Loan May 23, 1888,	3000 00				
	" June 26, 1888,	3500 00				
			11200 00	9105 89		2094 11
Intoxicating liquor,			500 00	30 95		469 05
Town Officers,			1400 00	1490 91	90 91	
Miscellaneous Account,	Appropriation,	600 00				
	Memorial Day observance,	75 00				
			675 00	1858 38	1183 38	
	Overdrawn,		4220 52			4220 52
			$ 36822 45	$ 36822 45	$ 8020 37	$ 8020 37

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Notes of June 2, 1883, to refund Town of Amesbury bonds, payable $1000 yearly, 4% interest,	$3000 00	
Sept. 3, 1884, for purchase of Steam Fire Engine, 4% interest,	4500 00	
Jan. 3, 1885, to provide place for Steam Fire Engine, 4% interest,	3650 00	
June 9, 1885, on account of rebuilding Essex Merrimac bridge, 4% interest,	6300 00	
Dec. 26, 1885, to refund Town of Amesbury note, 3½% interest,	8000 00	
May 23, 1888, Merrimac Savings Bank,	3900 00	
June 26, 1888, " " "	3500 00	
		$ 31950 00

ASSETS.

Due from State, for State Aid,	$ 552 00	
First Nat. Bank, for rent,	45 84	
F. H. True, "	25 00	
Sinking Fund,	6903 03	
Uncollected taxes, Bailey Sargent, Collector,	4362 81	
" " M. Perry Sargent, "	742 68	
Cash on hand,	762 31	
		$ 13,393 67
Debt March 1, 1889,		$18,556 33
" " 1, 1888,		16,651 80
Increase of debt,		$ 1904 53

Statistics from the Valuation Book.

	1887.	1888.
Valuation of Real Estate,	$874,650 00	$911,070 00
" Personal Estate,	443,232 00	426,679 00
" Resident Bank Stock,	141,398 00	133,224 00
" Non- " "	102,602 00	110,776 00
Tax on " "	2,050 28	2,398 03
" Non- " "	1,487 72	1,993 91
Number of persons assessed on property,	534	549
" " " for poll tax only.	470	483
" polls,	789	814
" acres of land,	5017	4960
" dwelling houses,	483	492
" horses,	273	278
" cows,	212	248
" sheep,	62	28
" swine,	43	31
" neat cattle other than cows,	66	45
Total tax assessed,	$20,689 96	$25,707 30
Rate of taxation per $1000,	14 50	18 00
Rate on polls,	2 00	2 00

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Sargent Hall,	$ 20,000 00
School Houses,	23,000 00
Public Library,	2,500 00
Fire Apparatus,	11,300 00
Cemeteries, Hearse and House,	2,700 00
Town Landings,	300 00
Gravel Pit,	50 00
Town Pound,	50 00
Town Standards,	150 00
Law Reports,	350 00
Street Lamps,	150 00
Road Machine,	75 00
	$ 60,750 00

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

MERRIMAC, MASS., February 21, 1888.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Commissioners of Sinking Fund submit the following report:

DR.

Amount of funds on hand, per report of 1888,	$ 4833 35	
Interest accrued, Merrimac Savings Bank,	45 68	
" Haverhill "	24 23	
" March 1, Town of Amesb'y notes,	203 77	
Received from Town Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1889,	1796 00	
		$ 6,903 03

CR.

Amount deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank,	$ 1049 83	
" " Haverhill "	557 43	
Notes and Interest Town of Amesbury,	3499 77	
Cash on hand,	1796 00	
		$ 6,903 03

H. O. DELANO,
Treasurer of Com'rs of Sinking Fund.

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNT.

BAILEY SARGENT, Collector of Taxes from 1883 to 1887, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

DR.

March 1, 1888.	To cash on hand,			$ 430 50
	uncollected taxes	1883,	$207 54	
	"	1884,	462 40	
	"	1885,	1068 01	
	"	1886,	1451 43	
	"	1887,	3731 13	
				6920 51
	Interest received on taxes,			160 22
				$ 7511 23

CR.

By	paid M. Perry Sargent, Treasurer,		3010 21	
	abatements,	1883,	$ 5 00	
	"	1884,	5 40	
	"	1885,	69 93	
	"	1886,	33 88	
	"	1887,	24 00	
			138 21	
			$ 3148 42	
By	uncollected taxes,	1883,	$ 91 40	
	"	1884,	336 15	
	"	1885,	758 67	
	"	1886,	1075 10	
	"	1887,	2101 49	
			$ 4362 81	
				$ 7511 23

M. PERRY SARGENT, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

DR.

To tax list and additions for 1888,		$ 27,790 87

CR.

By	Cash paid Treasurer,	$ 25,649 17	
	Discount on taxes, 1888,	1093 60	
	Abatement " 1888,	305 42	
	Uncollected taxes, 1888,	742 68	
			$ 27,790 87

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. PERRY SARGENT, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

1888.	*DR.*		
Mar. 14.	To am't rec'd of Bailey Sargent, former Treas.,		$ 430 50
April 9.	" " old taxes,	$150 00	
	" G. F. Joyce, jr., books, etc.	4 17	
	" " tuition,	34 00	
	" State Treas, corp. tax,	2 51	
17.	hired of Inst. for Savings, N'port,	4500 00	
			4690 68
May 16.	rec'd of Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	300 00	
23.	hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	3000 00	
			3300 00
June 2.	rec'd of F. H. True, rent,	25 00	
	" Bailey Sargent, rent,	12 50	
4.	" F. L. Parker, liquor license,	1 00	
25.	" Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	150 00	
26.	hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	3500 00	
28.	rec'd of E. H. Brackett, books, etc.,	6 14	
	" " tuition,	22 00	
29.	" First Nat. Bank, rent,	137 50	
			3854 14
July 3.	" F. H. True, rent,	25 00	
10.	" Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	200 00	
			225 00
Aug. 31.	" E. M. Morse, adm. est of T. E. Brown,	7 35	
			7 35

Sept. 3.	To am't rec'd of F. H. True, rent,		$ 25 00	
				$ 25 00
Nov. 1.	"	F. H. True, rent,	25 00	
				25 00
Dec. 1.	"	Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	300 00	
19.	"	E. H. Brackett, supplies,	5 10	
	"	" tuition,	15 00	
	"	Bailey Sargent, rent,	25 00	
31.	"	First Nat. Bank, rent,	137 50	
				482 60
1889.				
Jan. 4.	"	County Treas., dog tax,	170 00	
	"	State Treas., State aid,	396 00	
23.	"	" Nat. Bank tax,	326 04	
	"	" Corporat'n tax,	624 17	
	"	" Income Mass. school fund,	164 92	
	"	" Revenue do.,	249 09	
				1930 22
Feb. 12.	"	Bailey Sargent, rent,	12 50	
	"	" old taxes,	1479 71	
15.	"	T. H. Hoyt, books,	4 51	
	"	" tuitions,	6 00	
20.	"	R. A. Sargent, rent,	225 00	
22.	"	F. H. True, "	25 00	
23.		for taxes,	25,649 17	
				27,401 89
				$ 43,372 38

CR.

By ¼ am't rec'd for liquor license, paid state treas,	$ 25	
County tax,	1260 01	
State tax,	1507 50	
National Bank tax,	2019 86	
Selectmen's orders,	36,822 45	
Cash on hand,	762 31	
		$42,372 38

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor would respectfully report that he has audited the books for years 1885, 1886 and 1887, and finds vouchers for all moneys paid out.

Owing to the system in use only a partial verification of the books is possible.

O. E. LITTLE, Auditor.

Merrimac, Feb'y 21, 1889.

SARGENT HALL.

REPORT OF THE JANITORS.

To the Board of Selectmen—Gentlemen:

Sargent Hall has been opened 10 times up to May 10.

Wm. P. Sargent Memorial,	1
Temperance meetings,	2
Town meeting,	1
Dances,	2
Entertainments,	2
Caucus,	1
Concert,	1

R. A. SARGENT, Janitor.

To the Board of Selectmen.—Gentlemen:

I submit the following report:

The hall has been opened 61 times.

Town meetings,	4
Lectures,	12
Entertainments,	7
Political meetings,	25
Horse Railroad hearings,	4
Dances,	9

S. P. JACKMAN, Janitor.

Merrimac, Feb. 1, 1889.

POLICE REPORT.

To the Board of Selectmen.—Gentlemen:

We would submit the following report:

Whole number of arrests,		25
Drunkenness,	13	
Assault,	5	
Larceny,	3	
Sabbath breaking,	3	
Vagrancy,	1	

Complaints made, 6.

Whole number of tramps, 106.

F. H. BECKFORD,
J. FRED IVES, } Police.

Merrimac, Feb. 18, 1889.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Number of births recorded,	60
Males,	32
Females,	28
Fathers native born,	44
" foreign born,	16
Mothers native born,	41
" foreign born,	19
Fathers and Mothers both native,	36
" " both foreign,	11

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage licenses issued,	24
" marriages recorded,	24
First marriage of groom and bride,	20
Second marriage of groom,	3
" " bride,	4
Third marriage of groom,	1
Grooms native born,	18
" foreign born,	6
Brides native born,	17
" foreign born,	7
Average age of groom,	30.5
" " bride,	25.75

DEATHS.

Number of deaths, - - - -	32
Average age, 36 years, 2 months, 23 days.	
Oldest person, 86 years, 6 months, 5 days.	
Under 5 years, - - - - -	11
Still born, - - - - -	1
Males native born, - - - -	13
" foreign born, - - - -	1
Females native born, - - -	16
" foreign born, - - -	2
Of native parentage, - - -	21
" foreign " - - -	9
" mixed " - - -	2

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed, - - -	113
Males, - - - - - -	109
Females, - - - - - -	4

BAILEY SARGENT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen:

We have again to congratulate the citizens of Merrimac on another year of almost absolute freedom from fires. There have been but four alarms during the year, to all of which the department responded promptly and efficiently.

The first fire occurred on the evening of March 12, when the pump house at the Boston & Maine Railroad station was completely destroyed, at an estimated loss of $125.

The second fire was in the dry goods store of James D. Pike, on the evening of April 7; cause probably spontaneous combustion; insurance paid, $25 on building, and $159.60 on stock.

The third alarm, on the afternoon of Sept. 13, was for fire at the tenement house of John E. Currier on Pine street. This fire was caused by children playing with matches in a shed adjoining. From the shed the fire was communicated to the house, but was extinguished at a loss of $35 on the house, which was covered by insurance, and a loss on shed of $100, not insured.

An alarm was rung in on the morning of Dec. 15, which was responded to by the whole department, but it proved to be a false alarm, caused by a telephone wire coming in contact with a wire of the fire alarm.

The apparatus is in good condition and is at all times ready to do good service. There has been added during the

past year 1000 feet of the best American Jacket hose, also one 45 foot Somerville extension ladder, both of which were needed to make efficient the apparatus we already had.

At the commencement of the year the former members of the Hook and Ladder company declined a re-appointment, making the formation of a new company necessary. It was then decided to make some changes in the truck, and have a less number of men, believing that by so doing we could maintain the efficiency of the service at one-half the former cost. The new company asked for a change of name, and as the old company had no badge, and there being no obstacle to the change, it was granted. The company comprising eight men, is now known as the Merrimac Hook and Ladder Company, No. 4, and a suitable badge has been furnished them.

The board have attempted to carry into effect the vote of the town to build a reservoir at the "Lower Corner." The contract was placed with a reliable firm of masons, and the reservoir was built, but on filling with water it was found not strong enough to withstand the pressure. It was then repaired and again filled, but again found wanting. In the spring another attempt will be made to make it tight. As this job was done under contract it will not be accepted or paid for until it will stand the required test.

In conclusion we wish to thank the officers and men of the department for the uniform courtesy shown us on all occasions, and for their promptness and efficiency in the performance of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. H. SARGENT,
H. G. STEVENS,
ALBERT PARKER,
} Fire Engineers of Town of Merrimac.

Merrimac, Feb. 19. 1889.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen:

The Trustees herewith present the thirteenth annual report of their charge. The following statement will show the increasing patronage by the residents of our town, and a few comparisons will demonstrate the necessity of enlarged facilities for the accommodation of our patrons.

The Library has been opened 99 times, when 13,891 volumes have been delivered, as follows: In February (1888), 1001; March, 1731; April, 1250; May, 1252; June, 925; July, 870; August (2 weeks), 490; September, 1159; October, 1001; November, 1190; December, 1572; January, (1889), 1450. The average daily delivery was 141, while the largest number delivered in one day was 264.

We have no losses of books to report, the Library being in its average good condition, making due allowance for the unavoidable damage by the constant wear of books in active circulation.

There has been added during the past year 348 volumes, derived from the following sources: purchased from the annual appropriation, 320; presented by the estate of Dr. J. R. Nichols, 3; purchased by the Goodwin fund, 3; Public Docu-

ments, 10; presented by Maverick National Bank of Boston, 1; magazines bound, 11. There are now upon the shelves of the Library 4,405 volumes.

The past has been the busiest year in the history of the Library and 2800 more books have been delivered than during the preceding year, while the average delivery has exceeded by 30 books per day any previous time. To do this the active work required is demonstrated by a comparison of the largest delivery day with the hours of attendanee. On this day 264 books were delivered in five hours. An average of 53 books per hour, or one for nearly every moment of the allotted time. Add to this the work of placing the returned books upon the shelves, the charging of the new deliveries and the tax upon those in attendance will be understood. If we compare the cost of maintaining our Library with some others in the State we find interesting facts.

While the cost per book on circulation in other Libraries is from 7 to 10 cents, with one as low as three cents, Merrimac's books were delivered the past year at an average cost of 1 1-2 cents per volume.

During the past year the oft repeated prayer for more room has been partially granted although not yet in practical operation. At the town meeting in November it was voted to grant the petition of the Trustees of the Library and "provide and furnish for the use of the Public Library" the store recently occupied by F. H. True. Through some oversight this vote was not supplemented by an appropriation for the payment of the necessary expenses. We take this opportunity to beg our fellow citizens to see to it that no technicality of this kind shall prevent a suitable appropriation being made at our March meeting. If there are any tax payers who doubt the wisdom, or the advantages of this change, a visit to our Library room any Saturday evening will convince more than written argument the absolute necessity of enlarged quarters. As Trustees it is the earnest desire of the Board to meet the

wishes and demands of the public, thereby making our Library as useful in its work and as convenient in its system as any in the state for a community of this size, for these reasons we request all friends of a good Library to co-operate with us by informing us at any time of any volumes they desire for perusal or reference, or by informing us of any abuses of privileges coming to their knowledge. For the increasing demands from the patronage of a Library rapidly approaching 5000 volumes, a portion of the public desire more conveniences, and it is suggested by some that the rooms be opened every day or evening. Doing this means an increased expense. The annual appropriation of the town has remained the same since the early stages of our history. In many towns it is customary to pass the dog tax to the credit of the Library—a credit in this instance whose usefulness would be appreciated. In any event a more liberal appropriation is needed than of late years and is cordially solicited.

Respectfully submitted

N. P. CUMMINGS,
S. A. McCONNELL,
M. PERRY SARGENT,
DANIEL J. POORE,
GEORGE ADAMS,
J. A. LANCASTER,
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,

Trustees of Public Library.

D. J. POORE, Secretary.

Merrimac, Feb'y 19, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1889.

D. J. Poore, Treasurer, in account with Merrimac Public Library

DR.

To balance from previous year,	$ 11 23	
Received from Catalogues,	12 52	
" Cards,	1 10	
" Fines,	40 03	
" Books,	4 42	
" Goodwin Fund,	18 60	
" Town appropriation,	500 00	
		$587 90

CR.

By paid for Books and magazines,	$290 96	
" Librarian,	200 00	
" Printing,	19 00	
" Repairs,	11 11	
" Sundry supplies,	10 24	
" Binding Books,	27 30	
" Expressage,	4 90	
" Compiling Bulletin No. 2,	10 95	
Cash on hand,	13 44	
		$587 90

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, Feb'y 19, 1889.

JURY LIST

Prepared by the Selectmen for adoption at the Annual Meeting, March 4, 1889.

Frank Anderson,
Wilbur F. Allton,
Richard S. Bailey,
Joseph W. Bartlett,
Charles G. Brown,
Daniel C. Bunker,
D. Warren Gould,
Charles P. Baker,
Lawson W. Howe,
Gilman S. Hoyt,
J. Melvin Clement,
Joseph W. Colby,
John E. Currier,
Wm. P. Colby,
James Cooper,
Geo. W. Currier,
Thos. W. Sheridan,
David B. Wright,
Heman W. Kelly,
Willard B. Kelly,
Henry P. Davis,
Sewall P. Jackman,
Geo. E. Ricker,
John L. England,
Edward C. Tibbetts,
True Hoyt,
Wm. A. Howe,
Francis S. Heath,
Wm. H. Colby,
T. L. Goodwin,
Walter H. Sargent,
James T. Locke,
Charles N. Sargent,
Richard A. Sargent,
Joseph W. Nichols,
Joseph Oak,
Albert Parker,
Charles F. Rhodes.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

CHURCH STREET CEMETERY.

Report of Agent.

DR.

Amount received from Savings Bank,	$255 54	
" " Town Treasurer,	9 96	
		$ 265 50

CR.

Paid J. Rowell,	$ 5 00	
P. R. Coombs,	25 70	
W. J. Carpenter,	7 20	
W. H. Blodgett,	1 50	
W. H. Thomas, painting,	95 09	
C. H. Fellows, lead and oil,	59 41	
Heath Brothers,	66 30	
Sand,	1 30	
Care of yard,	4 00	
		$ 265 50

JOHN B. HEATH, Agent.

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

Report of Trustees.

DR.

Feb., 1888.	Balance on hand,	$ 123 71	
	Received from sale of lots,	115 00	
			$ 238 71

CR.

1888.			
June 25.	Paid George F. Bailey,	$ 35 40	
July 23.	John McNanie,	46 40	
Dec. 17.	S. P. Jackman,	14 00	
1889.			
Feb. 19.	Cash on hand,	142 91	
			$ 238 71

J. A. LANCASTER,
I. B. LITTLE,
C. E. ROWELL, } Trustees.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT

FOR

The Annual Meeting, Monday, March 4, 1889,

AT TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 4. To choose a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collection.

Art. 5. To choose one School Committee for three years.

Art. 6. To choose one Trustee of the Cemetery for three years.

Art. 7. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Art. 8. To choose Constables.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to put the highways in charge of the Selectmen; if not, to choose Highway Surveyors.

Art. 10. To choose an Auditor.

Art. 11. To choose Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Art. 12. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, and all other necessary town officers.

Art. 13. To see if the town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 14. To bring in their votes by ballot—Yes or No—on the question: "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

Art. 16. To see what discount, if any, the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes, and to fix the time for the payment of taxes; also, to see what rate of interest, if any, the town will charge on taxes remaining unpaid after the time fixed for the payment thereof.

Art. 17. On petition of Edw. P. Sargent, John Little and others: To see if the town will vote to pave the gutters and grade the sidewalk on the street on Prospect Hill.

Art. 18. To hear and act upon the report of the committee on the new school house.

Art. 19. On petition of George O. Goodwin, Wm. H. Colby and others: To see if the town will vote to pay a bill of Moses Stevens for damages done during the building of the new road between Merrimac and Merrimacport.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to have the Selectmen name the several streets in the town, and to cause the name of a street to be placed at the corner or corners thereof.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of sections twenty-two and twenty-three of chapter fifty of the Public Statutes in regard to sidewalks, namely:—

Section 22. In cities in which the city council, and in towns in which the inhabitants at an annual meeting, have adopted the provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and of chapter one hundred and seven of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, or of this and the following section, the mayor and aldermen, or the selectmen or road commissioners, may grade and construct sidewalks and complete partially constructed sidewalks in any street, as the public convenience may require, with or without edge-stones; and may cover the same with brick, flat stones, concrete, gravel, or other appropriate material; and may assess not exceeding one-half of the expense proportionally upon the abutters on such sidewalks; but no abutter shall be assessed a sum not exceeding one per cent of the valuation of his abutting estate as fixed by the last preceding annual assessment for taxes; and all assessments so made shall constitute a lien upon the abutting land, and be collected in the same manner as the taxes on real estate. The mayor and aldermen, selectmen, or road commissioners, shall deduct from the assessment for sidewalks so constructed with edge-stones and covered any sum previously assessed upon the abutting premises, and paid for the expense of the construction of such sidewalk in any other manner; such deduction shall be made proportionally from the assessments upon abutters, who are owners of estates in respect of which such former assessments were paid. Such sidewalks, when so constructed and covered, shall be maintained at the expense of such city or town.

Section 23. In estimating the damage sustained by the construction of sidewalks, under the preceding section, there shall be allowed, by way of set-off, the benefit, if any, to the property of the party by reason thereof.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes, or to pay any indebtedness of the town.

Art. 24. On the petition of Alex. Smart and others: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to be expended under the direction of Post 114, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1889.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CHARLES E. ROWELL,	Term expires	1889
JOHN W. HOBART,	"	1890
THOMAS H. HOYT,	"	1891

TEACHERS.
1888-9.

HIGH SCHOOL.

GEORGE F. JOYCE, JR.,	Principal
E. H. BRACKETT,	"
HELEN K. SPOFFORD,	Assistant
MAY FROST,	"

MERRIMAC—CENTER.

Grammar,	ELLEN GUNNISON ABBY A. SUTHERLAND
Intermediate,	CARRIE M. EVANS
First Primary,	CLARA E. PHILBRICK S. EVANNAH STILES ELLEN A. CALL
Second Primary,	ETTA H. COLBY

PROSPECT STREET.

First Primary,	S. E. STILES MARY F. NICHOLS MARY P. LARA
Second Primary,	NETTIE A. RICKER JENNIE P. CLEMENT

MERRIMACPORT.

Grammar,	BESSIE A. VEAL CHAUNCEY GLEASON
Intermediate,	LAURA G. ROWELL
Primary,	MINNIE L. NOWELL

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Landing,	LOUISE C. BRACKETT
Highlands,	LULU O. SHORT NELLIE CHASE
Bear Hill,	MARY P. TILLINGHAST BESSIE A. VEAL
Birch Meadow,	MARY F. NICHOLS ANNIE M. GRAY

MUSIC.

OLIVE HILL.

REPORT.

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

Your School Board respectfully submit their thirteenth annual report.

At the last annual meeting, T. H. Hoyt, Esq., was re-elected a member of the board, and it was organized with C. E. Rowell, Chairman, and T. H. Hoyt, Secretary.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

In the last report your committee called the attention of the citizens to the urgent need of more school rooms, and inserted the following article in the town warrant: "To see what action the town will take toward providing additional school accommodations." At a subsequent town meeting it was voted to build a school house of two rooms on Middle street; and George Adams, L. C. Loud and I. B. Little were chosen a building committee. They inform us that it will be completed in April or May.

At the beginning of the year we endeavored to hire a room in which to establish an additional Primary school, but no suitable place could be found and the schools of this grade at the Center and Plains have remained in the same crowded condition as last reported.

There have been no extensive repairs on the buildings, but the coming year the houses at the 'Port should be painted and the larger one should be provided with inside blinds.

There has been a greater number of changes in teachers than usual during the past year.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Early in the Spring term, Mr. Joyce resigned to accept a more lucrative position in the vicinity of Boston. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. E. H. Brackett, a graduate of Bates College and a teacher of five years experience, as master of the High school.

At the commencement of the Fall term Miss May Frost, a graduate of Boston University, was engaged as assistant, and we are pleased to report that under their instruction this school is making good progress.

It is a source of regret that more of our youth do not avail themselves of the privileges of this school. Too many of our children neglect to enter it, and some scarcely complete the Grammar course. It is not to be expected that children can realize what they lose by such a course, but parents should understand the importance of a thorough education and should insist upon their children improving all the opportunities provided for them, opportunities which if neglected never return.

How shall the young people become more interested in their school work?

They should have faithful and enthusiastic teachers; these your committee have spared no pains to provide, but in order to secure the best results the teacher's efforts should be seconded by the parents.

Let the parents be frequent visitors at the school room and take a personal interest in the scholars studies. Let the parent impress upon the child that their school duties are of first importance and are not to be lightly set aside for other things.

The whole benefit of school life does not consist by any means in the amount of book learning acquired, the mental and moral discipline here received is of great value. The habits of punctuality and prompt obedience to wholesome law here formed will fit the young to better perform the duties of citizenship in after life.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The school at the Center has, until within a few weeks, been under the care of the same teacher who has performed such excellent work in the past. The standard has been maintained; the work has been thorough and practical; the discipline has been good and apparently easily maintained. We consider this one of the most important schools in town.

Mr. Chauncey Gleason, a graduate of Dartmouth College, was given charge of the Merrimacport school at the commencement of the Fall term, and although this is his first experience in teaching, is proving himself a faithful and efficient teacher.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The schools of this grade have been very fortunate in retaining the same teachers as in the years past. Good thorough work is being accomplished in both schools.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Our Primary schools have had a prosperous year, notwithstanding the crowded rooms and much sickness during the Winter term. Here, even more than in any other department, the teacher needs patience, sympathy and tact. She must be devoted to her profession, must interest every pupil if possible, and make extra effort with any that are naturally dull.

The Center Second Primary has had the same teacher as in years past and is a model school.

The Prospect Street Second, during the Fall and Winter terms has been under the care of a graduate of our High school, and also of the Haverhill Training school, and the work has been very satisfactory.

For those of our graduates who intend to follow teaching as a profession, we would recommend a supplementary course in a Normal or Training school.

The First Primary at Prospect Street and the same grade

at the Center have had several changes in teachers, but notwithstanding this have made good progress and are now doing well under efficient teachers.

The Merrimacport Primary commenced the year with a new teacher who has labored faithfully and with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The schools at the Highlands and Landing are very small and we suggest that an appropriation be made to convey these scholars to the Center where they would have the advantage of graded schools.

The Bear Hill school is in a prosperous condition under the care of its former popular teacher.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Appropriated by the town,	$6,500 00	
Received from Dog Fund,	170 00	
" School Fund,	164 92	
" Revenue School Fund,	249 09	
" Tuition,	56 00	
" School Books, etc,,	40 92	
		$7,180 93

APPROPRIATION.

An increase in appropriations will be required the coming year to provide for one or more schools in the new school building, and as it seems probable that the Center school house is to continue in use, for a few years at least, some repairs upon it are absolutely needed.

C. E. ROWELL,
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T. H. HOYT,
} School Committee.

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

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GRADUATES, 1888.

Nellie Mary Greeley.
Annie Marie Baker.
Ida May Blaisdell.
Alinda Little.
Nellie Chase.
Addie Louisa Neal.
Everard Harry Chase.
Charles Haskell Judkins.
Allan Frederick Goodwin.
Charles Augustus Ashley.
Sarah Ada Spofford.
Annie Maria Gray.

TABLE No. 1.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Days in term.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number of Times Late.	Number of Visitors.	Teacher's wages per month.
High, (Principal)	57	45	44	41	52	10	$105 26
" (Assistant)							50 00
Center Grammar,	60	31	31	30	9	19	50 00
" Intermediate,	60	38	37	36	10	14	40 00
" 1st Primary,	60	45	43	41	53	18	35 00
" 2d "	60	67	62	56	122	51	35 00
Plains 1st Primary,	60	45	43	43	10	15	35 00
" 2d "	57	74	69	65	16	27	35 00
Merrimacport Grammar,	60	21	20	19	29	28	50 00
" Intermediate,	60	29	29	26	39	25	35 00
" Primary,	60	28	28	26	11	31	35 00
Bear Hill,	55	41	37	25	34	13	40 00
Landing,	60	14	12	10	45	21	25 00
Birch Meadow,	60	19	17	15	15	18	25 00
Highlands,	60	17	15	13	76	16	25 00

TABLE No. 2.

STATISTICS OF WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Days in term.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number of Times Late.	Number of Visitors.	Teacher's wages per month.
High, (Principal)	133	46	43	40	98	12	$105 26
" (Assistant)							50 00
Center Grammar,	119	40	38	34	11	10	50 00
" Intermediate,	120	44	41	39	33	20	40 00
" 1st Primary,	120	54	47	41	134	16	35 00
" 2d "	120	60	49	38	105	60	35 00
Plains 1st "	120	56	52	39	26	53	35 00
" 2d "	120	65	50	45	45	45	35 00
Merrimacport Grammar,	120	23	22	20	44	25	50 00
" Intermediate,	120	33	32	30	57	35	35 00
" Primary,	120	28	28	27	12	32	35 00
Bear Hill,	120	49	38	34	151	11	40 00
Landing,	60	8	8	7	24	7	25 00
Birch Meadow,	80	22	20	16	35	16	25 00
Highlands,	60	17	14	11	58	21	25 00